



## **Governor's Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**November 19, 2015**

**10:00 AM**

**Arizona State Capitol, Executive Tower, Third Floor Conference Room  
1700 West Washington Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007**

A general meeting of the Governor's Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women convened on November 19, 2015 at the Arizona State Capitol, Executive Tower, Third Floor Conference Room located at 1700 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. Notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the Commission.

#### **Members Present**

Diane Umphress (Co-Chair)  
Nicole Bidwill (Co-Chair)  
Allie Bones  
Kirstin Flores  
Toni Means  
Chief Keven Treadway

Patricia George  
Laura Guild  
Jon Smith  
Kathleen McLaughlin  
Chief Jerald Monahan (via  
phone)

Gwen Ruiz  
Jacob Stewbach  
Sara Presler

#### **Members Absent**

Patricia Klahr  
Sgt. Daniel Rincon  
Judge Rachel Torres Carrillo

Dr. Neil Websdale  
Lt. Governor Monica Antone  
Ed Mercurio-Sakwa

Elizabeth Ortiz  
Kay Radwanski

#### **Staff Present**

John Raeder  
Deborrah Miller

Debbie Moak  
Myriah Mhoon

#### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Diane Umphress called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

#### **B. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

Ms. Umphress welcomed everyone and asked the members to introduce themselves.

#### **C. LIGHTING ARIZONA PURPLE EVENT PRESENTATION**

Myriah Mhoon, Program Administrator, GOYFF, presented an overview of the Lighting Arizona Purple campaign and event on October 1, 2015 at the State Capital. Ms. Mhoon thanked the Governor for his commitment to stopping domestic violence and supporting the community in awareness efforts. Ms. Mhoon played a short video of the October 1, 2015 event at the Capital for the commission. Ms. Mhoon thanked all the corporate sponsors, APS, SRP, Tucson Electric and Power, and the Home Depot, as well as the Arizona sports

teams, Arizona Diamondbacks, Phoenix Suns and Arizona Cardinals for their support of the month long awareness campaign. Ms. Mhoon also thanked the state agencies, cities and counties throughout Arizona who also participated in the campaign. Ms. Mhoon provided statistical information surrounding the social media campaign for the event, specifically the Twitter campaign that reached approximately 1,747,187 accounts with 2,059,387 impressions.

Ms. Mhoon stated that the preparations for the 2016 campaign will be begin in March of next year, with a commitment from Home Depot to once again participate.

Debbie Moak, Director, GOYFF thanked all the communities who were involved in the campaign, and shared with the Commission the "It Can Stop" brochure produced by GOYFF to provide the public with awareness to the domestic violence issues and give them a resource for seeking help. Ms. Moak also presented the Chairs of the Commission, Nicole Bidwell and Diane Umphress with an award for their leadership and commitment.

#### **D. ARIZONA RURAL WOMEN'S HEALTH NETWORK PRESENTATION**

Leah Meyers, Director, Arizona Rural Women's Health Network, presented an overview of the organization. Ms. Meyers stated that the organization was formalized in 2007 to address the lack of health care information, services, and education available to rural health care provided and in 2013, Sexual Violence was identified as a priority. Ms. Meyers stated that the current network initiatives include; providing training and support to rural health care providers specific to women's issues, Sexual Violence Curriculum Training for Community Health Workers, scholarships for nurses in rural areas to obtain forensic exam training, and support efforts to expand the number of rural communities offering forensic exams. Ms. Meyers stated that the networks current achievements include; supported sexual violence 101 training to Santa Cruz County, processing 2 scholarships for tribal nurses to receive forensic exam training, Page, AZ now offers forensic exams at Canyonlands Urgent Care, and a webinar is coming up on November 24, 2015 on children exposed to IPV. Ms. Meyers stated that the curriculum they offer is based on eight core competencies identified by a National Community Health Advisory Study, and in 2014, Arizona Rural Women's Health Network provided 12 trainings to 147 Community Health Workers/Promotoras.

Ms. Umphress asked if the training had been or will be provided in the Yuma/Sommerton area.

Ms. Meyers stated that there has been training in the San Luis area, which included the Yuma area. Ms. Meyers stated that webinar training will be made available for rural communities as well.

Commissioner Allie Bones thanked Ms. Meyers for her work and coordinating with other groups to insure that duplication of efforts was avoided. Ms. Bones also thanked Ms. Meyers for the work in rural areas and the impact it is having.

Ms. Umphress thanked Ms. Meyers for her presentation and for her efforts in working with the rural communities.

#### **E. 2015-2016 SEXUAL AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Allie Bones, Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence stated that there is no finalized agenda for the upcoming legislative session. Ms. Bones provided an overview of the items that may be forthcoming; a bill relating to Sexual Assault advocacy privilege, which was introduced last year, will be reintroduced, a narrowing of the definition of Domestic Violence relationship test, clarification of roommate relationship, proposal for Judges to have discretion/flexibility for sentencing, monitoring legislation that will effect DCS and their responses to D.V. investigations, increase to the cap on DV Shelter Fund, discussion on Orders of Protection covering two years. Ms. Bones stated that there is a working group discussing and crafting language and that members of the Commission are welcome to attend and provided assistance.

Commissioner Laura Guild inquired if any bill language had been crafted.

Ms. Bones stated that none has been.

Ms. Bones stated that the working group she discussed earlier was looking at an overhaul of language for the 2017 legislative session and would welcome assistance or input going forward.

Ms. Umphress thanked Ms. Bones for the update.

#### **F. COMMITTEE Reports**

##### **Outreach and Awareness Committee**

Myriah Mhoon presented an update for the committee:

- Collaborating with the three state universities to provide Advocacy Centers on their campuses.
- Meeting with three state universities to discuss having awareness campaigns on their campuses.

##### **Prevention and Training Committee**

Chief Jerald Monahan highlighted the following Committee activities:

- Discussion and planning to create an on-line calendar for statewide and local trainings available in 2016 as part of the Domestic Violence website launched through GOYFF.
- Coaching Up program being implemented in Prescott and Prescott Valley schools, as a model for other schools.

##### **Victim Services Committee**

Chief Keven Treadway highlighted the following Committee activities:

- The Victim Services Committee has convened a presentation on October 20<sup>th</sup> to provide propose changes to Rule 41 of the \_\_\_\_\_. Recommendation was made to provide statewide training.
- The International Association of Chiefs of Police will be in Flagstaff this December to film with representatives from the Flagstaff Police Department on their efforts

regarding Domestic Violence. Chief Treadway stated that once the film is completed, he will share with the Commission.

Commissioner Sara Presler inquired if more information about violence against women on college campuses could be addressed in future meetings and if this was the proper venue for presentations on the subject.

Ms. Umphress stated that the Commission would be the proper place to discuss and provide informational presentations on the subject at future meetings.

**G. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Ms. Umphress gave the call to the public with no responses.

**H. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Kathleen McLaughlin, Executive Director, Arizona Child & Family Advocacy Network, announced her organization was working towards developing a legislative definition of "Advocacy Center" to assure that centers operate according to national standards.

Jon Smith announced that a Domestic Violence candlelight vigil was held in Yuma County. Mr. Smith stated that the event was very successful and well attended.

Ms. Umphress announced that the Commission meetings were being moved to the second Thursday of the month beginning in February 2016. Ms. Umphress asked Commissioners to please contact Myriah Mhoon with GOYFF if this poses a conflict.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M.